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# *Minutes*

OF THE

One Hundred Fourteenth

Annual Session

OF THE

# Roaring River Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## Mulberry Church

McGRADY, WILKES COUNTY, N. C.
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 23, 24, 25,

1960

Next session convenes with Meadow Fork Church, Laurel Springs, N. C. on N. C. highway 18, 16 miles south of Sparta, N. C., beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1961.

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# *Proceedings*

OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ROARING RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1960

1. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Song and prayer by Elder Sam Atkins, Piney Grove Association. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder C. D. Hall.

2. The Association was called to order by song and prayer by Elder C. C. Sawyer from the Mountain Association.

3. Read and received letter from Mulberry, Cross Roads, Meadow Fork and Woodruff churches.

4. On motion we elect a Moderator and Clerk by private ballot.

5. Organized the Association by electing Elder C. D. Hall Moderator and John D. Hall Clerk.

6. Called for petitionary letters. None came forward.

7. On motion we omit reading the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith at this session.

8. On motion we called for correspondents who were to go to sister Associations to report. They reported and those who failed to go were excused.

9. On motion the Moderator make all temporary appointments for this session.

10. On motion we call for correspondents and visitors from our regular correspondents and seat them.

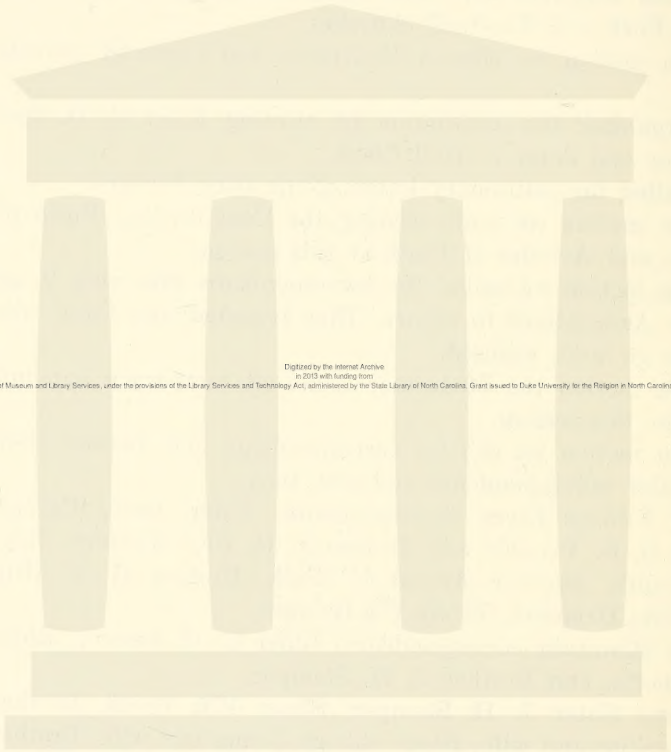
(a) Fishers River correspondents: Elder Jessie Collins, Brother O. B. Venable and Deacon J. H. Key. Visitors: Raymond Smith, Brother Arnold N. Fulk, Brother H. J. Hill, Sister Etta Dameron, Sisters Ula Bringer.

(b) Mountain correspondents: Elder C. C. Sawyer, Elder Coy Roberts, and Brother J. H. Stamper.

Vistors: Sister J. H. Stamper, Sister Ella Brook, Brother M. A. Jenkins and wife, Elder Raleigh Joines and wife, Brother J. R. Crouse, Brother Lon M. Reeves and wife, Brother A. C. Holloway, Brother John Watts, Brother Joe Absher, Brother Reeves Douglas and wife, Sister Ada Choate.

(c) St. Clair's Bottom correspondents: Brother W. B. Johnson, Brother W. M. Pucket. Visitors: Sister W. B. Johnson, and Sister W. M. Pucket.

(d) Washington correspondents: Brother Hall Hankins.



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(e) Senter correspondents: Brother F. G. Weaver. Visitors: Sister F. G. Weaver.

(f) Piney Grove correspondents: Elder M. H. Vaden, Elder Sam Atkins, Elder Joel Simmons. Visitors: Roy Hall, Sister Veida Simmons, Sister Atkins.

12. Appointed a committee on preaching composed of one member from each church. Brother Jim Richardson, Deacon W. C. Hall, Brother Troy Miller, and Brother Carl Francis.

13. Appointed a committee on arrangements: Brother Hort Brooks, Deacon W. C. Hall, Deacon Fosco Pruitt, Sister Nettie Brown, together with Moderator and Clerk.

14. Appointed a committee on finance: Brother John Choate, Brother Calvin Whittington, Sister Bertha Billings.

15. Called for volunteers to go to sister Associations, The following responded, and were appointed to go.

(a) Fishers River to be held with the Church at Rock House, located between Rural Hall and Westfield, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in July. Brother John Choate, Deacon W. C. Hall, Elder C. D. Hall, and Brother Troy Miller.

(b) Mountain to be held with the Church at Elk Creek, north of Sparta, N. C. on N. C. highway 93, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in September. Brother John Choate, Brother Jim Richardson, and Deacon W. C. Hall.

(c) St. Clair's Bottom to be held with the Church Rush Creek, located south of Chilhowe, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September. Deacon W. C. Hall, Elder C. D. Hall, Brother John D. Hall.

(d) Senter to be held with Beaver Creek Church, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in August. Deacon W. C. Hall, Brother John Choate, and Elder C. D. Hall.

(e) Washington to be held with Salem Church beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in September. Elder C. D. Hall, and Deacon W. C. Hall.

(f) Piney Grove to be held with Shiloh Church six miles south of Madison, N. C. Elder C. D. Hall, and Deacon W. C. Hall.

16. Called on Committee on preaching who reported for Friday evening, Friday night at Mulberry and Saturday morning.

17. On motion we read the minutes.

18. On motion we receive the minutes as read.

19. On motion we adjourn until 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Prayer by Licentiate Hall Hankins from the Washington Association.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 24, 1960

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday. Called to order by song and prayer by Elder H. B. Thomas from the Fishers River Association.

1. On motion called on committee on Arrangements to report. Report received and committee discharged.

2. Called the roll and marked those absent.

3. The next Association to be held with Meadow Fork Church.

4. We the Roaring River Association are deeply grieved with some of the churches of the Mountain Association for affiliating with a radio preacher, and that he also affiliates with other churches that we consider in disorder.

5. On motion that we have the Constitution and rules of Decorum printed in these minutes.

6. Called on finance committee to report. They reported as follows:

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| Received from the churches | $90.50 | |
| Left over from last year | 5.00 | |
| Total | | $95.50 |
| Allowed the Moderator | $10.00 | |
| Allowed the Clerk | 10.00 | |
| Allowed the visiting Elders | 25.50 | |
| Left in hands of Treasurer | 50.00 | |
| Total | | $95.50 |

7. Called for correspondents and visitors who were not here yesterday.

(a) Fishers River correspondents: none.

Visitors: Elder W. C. Hawks, H. B. Thomas, Brother J. E. Simmons, and wife, Brother Odis Rogers and wife, Sister O. B. Venable, Brother I. L. Creed and wife, Sister Carter Fulk, and Sister Mayola Posey.

(b) Mountain correspondents: Brother C. D. Murry and wife. Visitors: Elder Ed Douglas, Brother Cleary, Brother Lester Green and wife, Brother Troy Cleary, and Sister Jessie Wyatt.

(c) St. Clair's Bottom: Correspondents, none. Visitors, none.

(d) Senter correspondents: Elder Ed Davis and Brother Tom Severt. Visitors: Brother Eddie Lyle and Sister Ed Barker.

(e) Washington correspondents: Elder Ring Singleton, Elder Raleigh Compton. Visitors: Licentiate Robert Bostic.

(f) Piney Grove correspondent: Deacon Guy Priddy, and Deacon N. C. Alley. Visitor: Jr. Hall.

(g) Old Indian Creek, changed to Mountain Zion Association: Visitors: Brother Luther Easter and wife, and Sister Mamie Barker.

(h) Mates Creek: Visitors: Elder Fonso Justice, Elder Joe Thacker.

(i) United Primitive Baptist: Licentiate R. L. Bond.

8. On motion we receive the reports of the preaching and finance committees and dismiss them.

9. On motion we stop sending minutes to the Abbotts Creek Association.

10. On motion we stand by the ancient landmarks set up by the Christ and the Apostles and the old articles of faith of the Roaring River Association as carried in our minutes continuously.

11. On motion we appoint John D. Hall as treasurer and to supervise the printing of the minutes, having 500 copies printed and distributed as usual.

12. On motion the Clerk report and read the minutes.

13. Resolved that we return thanks first to God for His mercies and thanks to our brethren and sisters and friends for so loving and tenderly caring for us in this session.

14. On motion we adjourn with prayer by Elder C. D. Hall.

ELDER C. D. HALL, Moderator
JOHN D. HALL, Clerk

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## ORDER OF PREACHING

**Friday**

Elder C. C. Sawyer, no special text
Elder Coy Robert, no special text
Elder Joel Simmons, John 10:7
Elder Raleigh Joines, no special text

**Friday night at Mulberry**

Elder M. H. Vaden, no special text
Elder Sam Atkins, no special text

**Saturday**

Elder Jessie Collins, Thess. 4:2
Elder Ed Douglas, Psa. 12:51
Elder M. H. Vaden, no special text
Elder W. C. Hawks, Acts 2
Elder Ed Davis, Tim.
Elder Joe Thather, no special text

**Saturday night**

Licentiate Hall Hankins, no special text
Licentiate Robert Bostice, St. John
Licentiate R. L. Bonds, no special text

**Sunday**

Elder Raleigh Compton, John 1:1
Elder Sam Atkins, Acts 20:22
Elder A. R. Singleton, no special text

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder C. D. Hall, McGrady, N. C.
Elder A. T. Whittington, R.F.D. 4, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Elder Wert Walker, Rt. 2, Elkin, N. C.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Meadow Fork: Elder A. T. Whittington
Double Creek:
Mulberry: Elder C. D. Hall and Elder A. T. Whittington
Woodruff: Elder C. D. Hall, and Elder Wert Walker
Reddies River
Cross Roads: Elder C. D. Hall and Elder A. T. Whitting ton.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

| | No. of Minutes |
|---|---|
| Meadow Fork—Fosco Pruitt, Laurel Springs, N. C. | 50 |
| Double Creek—Margie Truitt, Sparta, N. C. | 6 |
| Mulberry—W. C. Hall, Box 51, McGrady, N. C. | 50 |
| Woodruff—J. T. Choate, Glade Valley, N. C. | 20 |
| Redies River—Mrs. W. E. Hester, Wilbar, N. C. | 20 |
| Cross Roads—Nettie Brown, Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro, N. C. | 25 |

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

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| Fisher's River—Curtis Harbour, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C. | 40 |
| Senter—Earl Severt, West Jefferson, N. C. | 20 |
| Mountain—Lon M. Reeves, Sparta, N. C. | 10 |
| St. Clair's Bottom—Quentin. P. Dancy, Star Route, Chilhowie, Va. | 20 |
| Washington—Elder L. S. Street, Grundy, Va. | 40 |
| Indian Creek—J. R. Lilly, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va. | 40 |
| Union—Elder J. M. Holbrook, Shelby Gap, Ky. | 10 |
| Mates Creek—Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. | 20 |
| Piney Grove—S. O. Shelton, Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C. | 25 |

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CONSTITUTION OF ROARING RIVER ASSOCIATION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches requested to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dis-

missed, excommunicated, or dead since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. Churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the delgates the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation.

8. Every query presented by any member in the Association shall be once read, and before debated the Moderator shall put it to vote, and if there be majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration, deliberated upon, if not, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association; the best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of future Associations.

11 We think it necessary that we should have an Association Fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they may think proper, and send by their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needs be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments (as recorded in the authorized King James Version) are the words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Spirit; and that all who are thus sanctified and regenerated by the Holy Spirit, or born again by the Spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects of these ordinances; and we believe the only true mode of baptism is immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment; and that the joys of the righeous and the torment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances except as is regularly called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone, except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without liberty from the Association.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without permission of the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member shall address another in any other appellation but "brother" during the sitting of the Association.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege as another member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall wittingly and willingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

14. Amendment to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of the churches; 2. To endeavor to preserve inviolable a chain of communication amongst the churches; 3. To give the churches necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent in the Association; 5. To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for an Association Fund, to any purpose they may think proper; 6. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any churches in this union which shall violate the Rules of this Association, or depart from the orthodox principles of religion; 7. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry as assistants, who may be present at the time of their sitting, when they shall judge necessary; 8. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time and place they think most convenient to the churches in the union.

Received by the Association.

## STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS | Com. Month | Sat. of Meeting | Rec'd. by Baptism | Rec'd by Letter | Restored to Fel. | Dis. by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Tota. Membership | Contriuutions |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Meadow Fork | Dea. Fosco Pruitt, Eld. A.T. Whittington, Bro. Troy Miller | Aug. | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 25 | $ 5.00 |
| Cross Roads | Dea. Carl Francis, Sis. Ruby Francis & Sis. Nettie Brown | June | 4* | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 5 | 25.00 |
| Mulberry | Deacon W. C. Hall, Elder C. D. Hall, Bro. John D. Hall | Aug. | 1* | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 15 | 28.50 |
| Double Creek | Represented by contribution only | | | | | | | | | | 2.00 |
| Reddies River | Not Represented | | | | | | | | | | |
| Woodruff | Bros. Jim Richardson, Hort Brooks and John Choate | July | 2* | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 12 | 30.00 |
| | | | | | | Totals | | 2 | .... | 57 | $90.50 |

*Church meeting at night

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